



CSBG Success Story

Please submit success story to Jessica Simon at jessica.simon@commerce.wa.gov. If you have questions, contact Jessica at 360-725-2850. Due Date: The 10th of the month the story is due.

Date: 03/22/10

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| 1. Success Story is for: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARRA <input type="checkbox"/> FFY 09 (skip to question 8) <input type="checkbox"/> FFY 10 (skip questions 6 & 7) |
| 2. CSBG Project Name: | Community Youth Center / Capacity Building |
| 3. Total Project Budget: | \$17,884 |
| 4. Total CSBG Amount of Budget: | \$13,884 |
| 5. Number of total clients expected to serve, with all funds for the project: | 15 |
| 6. Number of ARRA jobs expected to be created/retained as a result of this project: | 1 |
| 7. Number of ARRA jobs actually created/retained as a result of this project to date: | 1 |
| 8. Brief project/activity description: | In cooperation with the Skamania Klickitat Community Network and Klickitat County CMASA, increase the capacity of the Youth Center in prevention, mentoring, etc for at-risk teens. |
| 9. How will this project help clients, build community, and form new partnerships? What aspects of the project would you like to share with the public: | |
| <p>The Community Youth Center has been in existence since 1995. It is a locally funded program providing a safe, supervised facility for at risk youth between the ages of 7 and 17 years old. As the economy has worsen, more kids than ever have become members. The teens felt very strongly that they needed a space separate from the "little kids" With funds from the Community Network and CAMASA, staff, volunteers and teens were able to turn a seldom used space in the basement of the Youth Center into a space specifically for at-risk teens. The teens designed the décor from painting the walls to furniture. With the help of staff and volunteers, they transformed the space into a wildly colored, functional space for teens to listen to music, play video games, do homework and just hang out.</p> <p>Because this is a space specifically for teens, they are bringing up subjects not previously discussed like STDs, pregnancy, and drinking. It enables the Youth Center to provide workshops on these and other subjects specifically for teens.</p> <p>Now, a private artist has volunteered to create an outdoor sculpture for the Center. While a local church is</p> | |

going to help with landscaping, planting a garden and sprucing up the front. The Community Network, CMASA, the artist and the church are all new partnerships. ARRA funds are being used to provide supervision for the teens while in their new Teenspace.